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Taking the Higher Ground in the Debate on the ICC and Africa

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has had its share of controversy and critique in its first decade of existence, not least because ICC activities have focused almost solely on our beloved Africa. All situations currently before the Court originate from Africa. While it is true that many of the cases were referred by African states themselves, it can hardly justify why only the African continent has been the focus of ICC investigations. Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity are believed to be committed elsewhere too, so why the focus on Africa one may ask?



Yet, the current focus on Africa is not a reason for African States to fail to comply with their obligations of cooperation under the ICC Statute. The arrest warrant against Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir in 2009, and the indictment of high-ranking Kenyan officials, two of who have since become President and Deputy President has intensified resistance against the ICC among some African leaders, and the African Union. This perhaps illustrates the significance of the ICC for victims and potential victims of atrocities in Africa, who would otherwise not have redress.

AFLA's side event on 22nd November, coinciding with the 12th Session of the ASP will take the higher ground in the debate on the ICC and Africa. It will address topical and unsettling issues: Is Africa a Participant or Target of International Criminal Justice? How could State

parties improve their interaction with the Court?



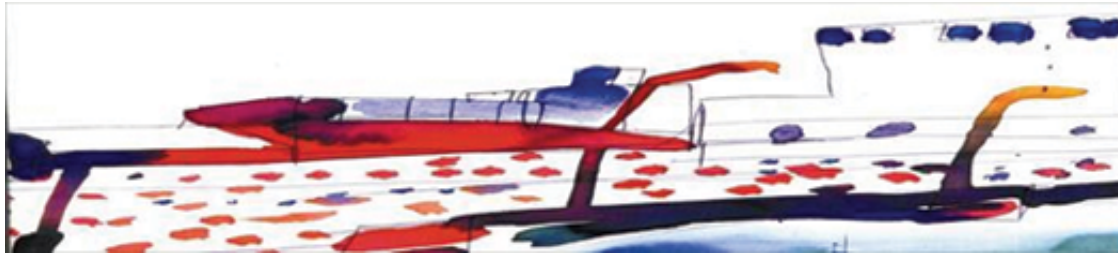
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